

This Page Is Inserted by IFW Operations
and is not a part of the Official Record

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images may include (but are not limited to):

- BLACK BORDERS
- TEXT CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- FADED TEXT
- ILLEGIBLE TEXT
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- COLORED PHOTOS
- BLACK OR VERY BLACK AND WHITE DARK PHOTOS
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

**As rescanning documents *will not* correct images,
please do not report the images to the
Image Problem Mailbox.**

Applicants: Philip O. Livingston and Govindaswami Ragupathi
U.S. Serial No: 09/534,711
Filed: March 24, 2000
Page 2

attributes to applicants' March 11, 2004 Response. Specifically, the Examiner stated that (1) the amendment does not include a complete listing of all of the claims and (2) the claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.

On June 21, 2004, June 30, 2004, and July 6, 2004, Cindy Yang, Esq. of the undersigned attorney's firm had telephone conferences with Legal Instruments Examiner Judith D. Ladrangan concerning the June 7, 2004 Notice. Applicants wish to thank Legal Instruments Examiner Ladrangan for her time and consideration during these conferences.

During the June 21, 2004, June 30, 2004, and July 6, 2004 telephone conferences, Legal Instruments Examiner Ladrangan realized that applicants did not file an amendment document on June 27, 2003 in connection with the instant application. Rather, applicants sent a Communication To Correct Error In Filing Receipt, which included a copy of a previously filed March 24, 2000 Preliminary Amendment To The Accompanying Continuation Application Filed Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 as an Exhibit. Since applicants did not file an amendment document on June 27, 2003, Legal Instruments Examiner Ladrangan concluded that the June 7, 2004 Notice and the March 2, 2004 Notice were sent in error, and therefore, a response to the June 7, 2004 Notice is not required.

On July 6, 2004, Legal Instruments Examiner Ladrangan faxed a Communication, attached hereto as **EXHIBIT B**, to the undersigned attorney confirming that (1) the June 7, 2004

Applicants: Philip O. Livingston and Govindaswami Ragupathi
U.S. Serial No: 09/534,711
Filed: March 24, 2000
Page 3

Notice and the March 2, 2004 Notice were sent in error, (2) the instant application has been placed on the right status, and (3) the instant application has been forwarded to the Examiner. Applicants note that the date of March 15, 2004 on the July 6, 2004 Communication erroneously attributes to the June 7, 2004 Notice. Applicants also note that the July 6, 2004 Communication does not make of record of the July 6, 2004 telephone conversation between Ms. Yang and Legal Instruments Examiner Ladrangan, wherein Legal Instruments Examiner Ladrangan stated that a response to the June 7, 2004 Notice is not required in connection with the subject application.

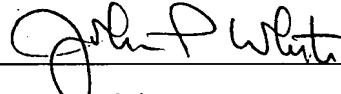
Applicants submit this Communication in order to make of record the July 6, 2004 telephone conference between Ms. Yang and Legal Instruments Examiner Ladrangan, wherein Legal Instruments Examiner Ladrangan stated that a response to the June 7, 2004 Notice is not required.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

Applicants: Philip O. Livingston and Govindaswami Ragupathi
U.S. Serial No: 09/534,711
Filed: March 24, 2000
Page 4

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

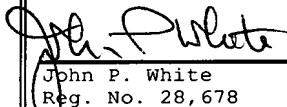
Respectfully submitted,



John P. White
Registration No. 28,678
Attorney for Applicants
Cooper & Dunham LLP
1185 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036
(212) 278-0400

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

 7/7/04
John P. White Date
Reg. No. 28,678

[Click here and type address]

facsimile transmittal

To: John P. White

Fax: 212 391 0525

Cooper & Dunham LLP

1185 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY 10036

From: Judith D. Ladningan

Date: 7/6/04

Patent and Trademark Office

Re:

Serial # 09/534,711

1747/53437-A-PG-US

Pages: 2 pages including cover.

cc:

Cindy Young

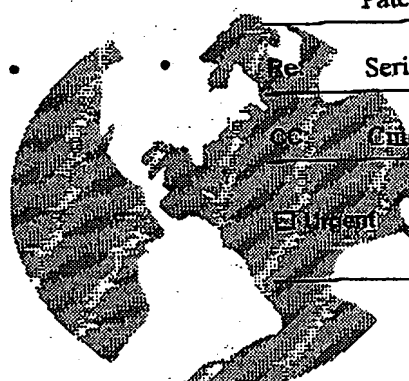
☒ Urgent

☐ For Review

☐ Please Comment

☐ Please Reply

☐ Please Recycle



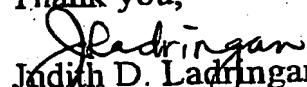
July 6, 2004

John P. White
Cooper & Dunham LLP
1185 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10036

Re: 09/534,711

This is to let you know that the 2 non-compliant letters mailed out on 03/02/04 and 03/15/04 were sent in error. I had spoken to Ms. Cindy Young today and had informed her that the matter has been resolved and the case has been placed on the right status and has been forwarded to the Examiner.

Thank you,


Judith D. Ladringan, LIE
TC 1600
571 272-0536